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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated August 22, 2006, please amend the claims as indicated herein.